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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT: Near East and [] Photography

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1. At a meeting of the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee on Friday, 31 August, I explained the current operations in the Near East and the arrangements for making the film available to [] and that, as soon as possible thereafter, reproduction and dissemination of the material would be in the TALENT channels.

2. There was also a discussion regarding [] and it was recalled that at my suggestion [] went directly to the Army, Navy and Air Force as to their requirements for photography incident to training missions over friendly territory. The discussion which followed revealed many problems which would arise by the dissemination of this material outside the TALENT System including deduced altitude and origin particularly in view of the Soviet protest. These problems were highlighted by the observation that at many levels and with no difficulty the Air Force today is capable of making most of such photography at will and without these complications.

3. Taking all of these things into account it was the consensus of the Committee that I transmit to you their view that the agencies were not requesting training flights be taken in order to obtain photography in keeping with the requirements previously levied, that it would be wisest to put such photography as was made in training flights into deep freeze with HTAUTOMAT and that releasing the material through whatever system be a matter for decision at such time as a real need arose.

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4. A marginal question arises in the case of photography which might be obtained by flying routes [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was the view of the Committee that for guidance purposes Operations should know that these areas, while not strictly considered overflight of enemy territory, would be construed as highly sensitive and certainly areas in which valuable intelligence could be obtained. Accordingly should a decision be made to enter these areas and photography be obtained, the material should be placed in the TALENT System.

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5. Insofar as these views may now appear to be somewhat contradictory to the situation which arose when [REDACTED] invited the services, and in particular the Navy, to register requirements for [REDACTED] I would explain that the present thinking evolves from a thorough canvassing of the whole problem.

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